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1. AS GHANA IS NOW PLANNING TO EXPAND AND IMPROVE TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK, TSS SEEMS WELL TIMED. GHANA SUFFERS CONTINUING FOREIGN EXCHANGE CONSTRAINT, ALTHOUGH SOME WORLD BANK FINANCING HAS BEEN SECURED. DIRECTOR GENERAL OF GOG POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS OUT OF COUNTRY UNTIL MID-SEPTEMBER, BUT DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING EXPRESSED INTEREST IN SEMINARS. LOCAL MOTOROLA REP AGREED SEMINARS WOULD ATTRACT CONSIDERABLE INTEREST.

2. TELECOMMUNICATION TSS ORGANIZERS SHOULD BE AWARE OF EMBASSY LIMITATIONS, HOWEVER. IN ADDITION TO ONGOING WORK, WE ARE WRAPPING UP AUGUST 30 AND 31 CATALOG EXHIBIT AND PREPARING FOR ANOTHER, SET FOR OCTOBER 11. OUR ONLY COMMERCIAL SECRETARY WILL BE ON VACATION AND WE MUST HIRE REPLACEMENT IF WE ARE TO HOST SEMINAR. POST WILL REQUIRE ADDITIONAL ALLOTMENT OF \$200 FOR THIS. EMBASSY UNABLE PROVIDE TRANSPORT FOR GROUP. SMALL MINI BUS WITH DRIVER RENTS FOR \$70 PER DAY PLUS 35 CENTS PER MILE. ESTIMATE TOTAL OF \$300. FOR BUS RENTAL.

3. SEMINARS CAN BE HELD IN ATTRACTIVE, WELL LOCATED

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AMERICAN CENTER, WHICH HAS REQUIRED FACILITIES. HAVE

RESERVED NINE SINGLE ROOMS AT CONTINENTAL HOTEL FOR
SEPTEMBER 9-15. PLEASE CONFIRM FINAL DECISION IMMEDIATE. GROUP
SHOULD
SECURE GHANAIAAN VISAS AND CEDI VOUCHERS IN LAGOS BEFORE ARRIVAL.
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